purpose of devleoping them as Joint Ventures with foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner. The matter is however, yet to be finalised.

Air Service in Rajasthan

5217. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Sahara-India Company for introducing air-service in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places at which Sahara-India is likley to provide air-service in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Sahara-India has yet to obtain Air Taxi Operators Permit The scheme permits operation of air-services to all airports in India which are open to scheduled operation.

[*English*]

Telecast of Nepali Films

5218. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whetrher the Doordarshan telecast documentary and features films on national network in regional language;

(b) whether the Government have received requests from Nepali speaking people of the country to telecast Nepali films,

(c) whether some producers have offered their production fpor telecast; and

(d) if so, the number of Nepali films telecast during the last three years and the number of films proposed to be telecast in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) Six Nepali films have been telecast by Doordarshan during this period. The telecast of more Nepali films in the future will depend upon the offered films being found suitable for teleecast, Doordarshans overall programme requirements and completion of formalities.

Local Call Facility within the Radious of 40 Kms.

5219. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been extending local telephone call facilities to areas within the radius of 40 Kms from each State capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such capitals which have been provided with this facility;

(d) the names of cities without these facilities; and

(e) the time by which these facilites are likely to be provided to all the cities including Hyderabad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No Sir, the local call facility is restricted to local area of a telephone exchange or telephone exchange system. Calls beyond the local area of a telephone exchange systems are chargeed on the basis of long distance tariff. However,, presently the charges for subscriber dialled long distance calls between two ex-